

**AB 28 Provisions  
(Effective January 1, 2004)**

ISSUE	Public Resources Code SECTION	IMPACT OF PROVISIONS
"HDPE" defined	14513.5	Defines "HDPE" as a plastic beverage container labeled with a "2" for high-density-polyethylene resin.
Definition of "voluntary artificial scrap value"	14528.1	Amends the definition of "voluntary artificial scrap value".
Minimum Content	14549	Reduces the amount of mixed color cullet required from 75% to 50% to trigger the reduction in minimum content requirements.
Quality glass incentive payments	14549.1,	Increases the quality glass incentive payment amount from \$25 per ton to \$30 per ton.
Commingled Rates	14549.5,	Authorizes, but does not require, the Department to establish a curbside program commingled rate for bimetal and a single combined rate for all plastic resins #3 through #7.
Supplemental payments to curbside programs	14549.6	Amends the payment calculation to a calendar year basis, instead of a fiscal year, and amends the payment cycle to "not later than the end of the fiscal year following the calendar year for which the payments are calculated" (i.e., not <i>later</i> than June).
Rejection Forms	14552.5 14552.51	Expands, from glass only to all material types, the provisions regarding the rejection or disposal of materials.
Redemption and Refund Values and Labeling Requirements	14560 14561	Increases the redemption and refund values to 4¢ for beverage containers less than 24 fluid ounces, and 8¢ for beverage containers that are 24 ounces or more. Provides for an additional increase on 7/1/07 to 5¢ and 10¢ respectively, if the recycling rate has not increased to at least 75% during the reporting period specified. Amends the provisions regarding labeling requirements.
Individual Commingled Rate for Plastic and Bimetal	14573.51	Authorizes, but does not require, the Department to establish an individual commingled rate for curbside programs for any material type whether or not a statewide-commingled rate had been established for that material.
Processing Fees	14575	Amends the calculation of the processing payment and processing fee, and bases the processing fee paid on a sliding scale depending on the recycling rate of the material type. Bases the processing fees actually paid on the number of containers sold, regardless of the number of containers redeemed. Requires cost surveys to be conducted every two years. Authorizes the Department to adjust the processing payment on a quarterly basis, as specified.
Voluntary Artificial Scrap Value	14575.1	Amends provisions regarding the payment of voluntary artificial scrap values.
Processing Fee Rebate	14575.2	Subject to the availability of funds, rebates the overpayment of processing fees retroactively to 1/1/02 as determined by the Department. Rebate payments would be paid between 7/1/04, and 6/30/06.
Supplementary Processing Payment	14575.5	Establishes a supplemental processing payment to be paid to recyclers based on the monthly volumes of redeemed beverage containers reported for a 12-month period, as specified.
Reverse Vending Machine Pilot Program	14576	Authorizes the Department to establish a Reverse Vending Machine (RVM) Pilot Program, effective 1/1/04 to 12/31/06, using not more than 50 supermarket sites that use both reverse vending machines and staffed recycling centers. Eligibility criteria and operational requirements are also specified.
Recycling Litter Reduction Grants	14581(a)(5)	Increases the amount annually appropriated for grants from \$500,000 to \$1.5 million.
Statewide Public Education and Information Campaign	14581(a)(7)	Appropriates up to \$5 million annually for a statewide public education and information campaign.

Keep California Beautiful	14581(a)(9)	Extends the annual \$300,000 appropriation until 1/1/05.
Market Development Grants	14581(a)(10)	Authorizes the Department to expend up to \$10 million annually, until January 1, 2007, in the form of grants for “market development and expansion-related activities aimed at increasing the recycling of beverage containers”.
Recycling Infrastructure Loan Guarantee Account	14581(a)(11) 14582	Establishes the Recycling Infrastructure Loan Guarantee Account, and authorizes the expenditure of funds from that account, as specified.
Handling Fees	14581(a)(1) 14585	Retroactive to 7/1/02 increases the handling fee payment amount to \$26.5 million annually. Expands the handling fee eligibility to those recyclers that have redeemed not less than an average of 60,000 beverage containers per month during the previous 12 months. The 500,000 container cap is removed and no longer restricts the redemption volumes for individual sites.